

REMARKS

The Examiner previously issued an Office Action on 12-29-03 in this case. Applicant filed an Amendment response on 02-05-04.

A Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121) was issued on 02/19/03 because the Amendment failed to meet the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121, as amended on June 30, 2003, due to the form of the "Amendments to the Claims".

In this response, a new "Amendments to the Claims" section is resubmitted. Per the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, only the section of the Amendment document containing the non-compliant provision (the "Amendments to the Claims") is being resubmitted and Applicant requests consideration of the Amendment filed 02/05/04.

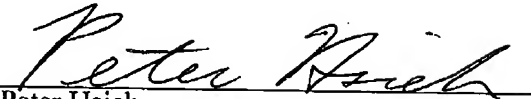
CONCLUSION

In view of the Amendment filed 02/05/04 and above correction to the non-compliant provision, allowance of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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